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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 0664

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MT, SW

SUBJ: MALTESE-SWEDISH RELATIONS

1. NEW SWEDISH AMBASSADOR RICHARD HICENS-BERGSTROM, RESIDENT IN ROME, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR TODAY.

2. BERSTROM MENTIONED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN SWEDISH AND MALTESE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES ARE AT LEAST STIFF IF NOT STRAINED. HE SAID THIS DATES FROM MINTOFF'S ASSUMPTION OF POWER IN 1971. BEFORE THAT TIME, RELATIONS HAV BEEN WARM, AND SWEDES HAD PROVIDED SOME EQUIPMENT FOR PRINTING PLANT AT LABOR PARTY HEADQUARTERS AS WELL AS FURNISHINGS FOR THEIR BUILDING. AFTER MALTESE ELECTIONS, SWEDISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS APPARENTLY FAILED TO LIVE UP TO MINTOFF'S EXPECTATIONS OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE. BERGSTROM SAID THE WORD MALTA IS A NASTY WORD IN STOCKHOLM. HE HAS NOT SOUGHT APPOINTMENT WITH MINTOFF. HE IS HOWEVER CALLING ON OTHER GOM MINISTERS AND HAD RECEIVED REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THEM.

3. COMMENT: WE WILL BE SURPRISED IF BERGSTRON IS NOT
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SUMMONED TO MEET MINTOFF AND HANDED A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL

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